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Description of hit-and-run vehicle changes

COLLISION Police now believe a silver or grey fourdoor vehicle similar in shape to a Honda Civic may be involved in a hit-and-run collision that killed a 44year-old motorcyclist at the intersection of Richmond Road and High Street Friday afternoon.

Police were originally seeking a dark-coloured vehicle, but after interviewing witnesses, police said the suspect car is silver or grey and may also have dents or damage to the lower right side of the passenger door. Police are viewing footage from traf-

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks about the war in Afghanistan last night at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Obama announced the U.S. will send an additional 30,000 troops to the country. More coverage, page 11.

NATO puts Canada in charge of tactical area

Leadership in Afghanistan's Arghandab to change by new year

Before the backdrop of **U.S. President Barack** Obama's long-awaited new Afghanistan strategy, NATO commanders are putting Canada's military command in charge of the tactically vital Arghandab district north of Kandahar city.

As a result, two full battalions of troops already in the country — one American, the other Afghan will come under the control of Brig. Gen. Dan Menard, the commander of the Canadian contingent known as Task Force Kandahar, by the new year. "You'll get all these guys

Speech reaction in Afghanistan

- U.S. President Barack Obama's highly anticipated speech on his new war strategy in Afghanistan has yet to draw much reaction from Canadian soldiers there.
- The speech aired at 5:30 a.m. in Afghanistan and is expected
- to prompt an official reaction from Canadian commanders later today.
- Obama said he was sending an additional 30,000 troops to the country and expressed the hope NATO allies would also contribute more troops.

together focused Arghandab under the command of Dan Menard," said Frederick Brig. Gen. Hodges, director of operations for NATO's southern command.

"I think that's a signifi-

cant manifestation of the importance of that place on the city.'

Under U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, NATO has signalled its desire to shift the focus of counterinsurgency efforts to urban

areas; Kandahar has been singled out among them.

Many Kandaharis consider the Arghandab as an extension of the city, where security and development are already Canada's re-

sponsibility.
The U.S. army battalion that's currently posted to Arghandab — a ur known as the Strykers has been reassigned to secure the major highways in Kandahar. Since taking control from the Canadians this summer, the Strvkers have suffered heavy casualties caused by IEDs, including 21 deaths.

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Liberals to support HST: Ignatieff

TAXES Michael Ignatieff says federal Liberals will support legislation to implement a harmonized sales tax in Ontario and British Columbia but he may have trouble whipping his MPs into

line At least one, Victoria MP Keith Martin, said he may yet defy his leader and suffer the



consequences" if need be. Martin is hoping to persuade Ignatieff to give an exemption to MPs who feel strongly about the issue.

The issue has turned into a no-win situation for federal Liberals.

Ignatieff, who has previously bashed the HST as a job-killing "Harper sales tax," announced his decision yesterday after meeting his MPs, who were torn over what to do.

Some MPs fear a backlash from voters in the two provinces, who are becoming increasingly angry about the prospect of pay ing more for a host of goods and services

Others fear alienating the Liberal governments in Toronto and Victoria. Ontario Grits are particularly concerned about offending Premier Dalton McGuinty, whose campaign machine will be vital to the success of federal Liberals in the next election.

In the end, Ignatieff came down on the side of respecting the wishes of provincial governments, not to mention longstanding federal Liberal policy.

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In order to reduce the number of thefts of and from vehicles, Gatineau police are asking people to exercise extra caution around the holiday season. Police are asking people to only leave their vehicles in well-lit areas, to lock their doors at all times and to keep all valuables, including GPS and GPS accessories, out of sight. And it seems to be working — the number of thefts in Gatineau in October 2009 was 27 per cent lower from the same time last year.

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Too late to bring baseball back?

Groups say decision should come by Jan. 1 at the very latest

TIM WIECLAWSKI

Two groups hoping to bring professional baseball back to Ottawa will have to wait until Feb. 1 to find out who'll get to lease the city's baseball stadium on Coventry Road, but by then, it could be too late.

Yesterday, the city's corpo-

rate services and economic development committee approved a process to request and evaluate lease deals that would have a professional baseball team in time for the 2010 season in May.

Ottawa Trolley Company chief executive David Butler partnered with Duncan MacDonald and other community members to form the Ottawa Stadium Group. If they are awarded the lease, OSG would bring a new franchise from the San Ramon, California-based Golden Baseball League.

Ottawa would join Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton with GBL franchises.

However, the OSG had been hoping a decision on the lease would be made by Jan. 1 at the latest.

"We're ready to move forward now. We have all the elements of our programming in place," said Butler. MacDonald said it was possible that the decision on the lease would come too late. "What credible

league is going to wait that

long for a new franchise?" The other group, Ottawa Professional Baseball led by league commissioner Miles Wolff, would bring a Can-Am league franchise back to Ottawa. Ottawa Pro was a partner with the Ottawa Rapidz franchises that folded after its inaugural season in 2008.

The deadline was set for Feb. 1, in order to give any other interested group an opportunity to put a proposal together.

Feb 1. is a tight deadline, but Orleans Coun. Bob Monette said there is enough community support that any group could make it work.

News in brief

SUSPECTS Ottawa police are seeking help in identifying suspects who may be covered in red ink after a TD Bank branch in the 800 block of Meadowlands Drive was robbed yesterday. The suspects fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money, but it appears the red dye-pack exploded outside the bank.

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Blogs TFC director of business operations Paul Beirne joins It's Called Football to discuss a bid by the Argos to play

games at

BMO field



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TRACEY TONG tracey.tong@metronews.ca United Way Ottawa's cam-

paign achievement event - at which officials announce the amount raised during the official fundraising period -- is held tonight.

While the campaign was at \$29,924,000 or 94.4 per cent — of its \$31.7 million goal last night, chances are that the organization won't reach its target by then, said communicampaign chairman Iamie McCracken. But with the campaign unofficially continuing through January, he's confident they'll reach their goal.

tawans give generously and creatively — over the last 10 weeks.

Will United Way reach goal?

Although payroll deductions bring in

but it's also

Jamie McCracken,

most of the funds, he's seen a friendly rivalry between busi- important to have nesses, raffles fun doing this." everything from a pass to come

United Way Ottawa to work late to prime parking spots, air band competitions and game shows.

"It's a serious cause, but it's also important to have fun doing this," he said.

"People are willing to help their neighbours," he said. paigns for United Way Ottawa Joan Highet said peostill coming are through for the communi-

ty despite of the reces-"It's a serious cause, sion.

"What I've seen this year is, as a result of the downturn, the desire to give is even stronger.

There's more recognition of need in the community,' she said.

The campaign continues to accept contributions, McCracken said. "We need people to understand that we're not there yet."



King Letsie III of Lesotho, a landlocked African nation surrounded by South Africa, accepts a pair of Team Canada mittens from pre-kindergarten student Brendan Cunningham yesterday

School graced by royalty

Cops upgrade assault charge to murder

CHARGES Police have upgraded a city woman's aggravated assault charges to second-degree murder after a victim of an attack died in hospital.

On July 11, Ottawa police

the 200 block of King Edward Avenue, where 44year-old Arlene Lahey was seriously injured.

Police arrested a female at the scene. Investigation revealed that the victim and the accused

known to each other. Twenty-six-year-old Louisa Killiktee was charged with aggravated assault.

Police said vesterday that they upgraded the charges after Lahey died on Halsupport Help Lesotho. The Ottawa-based charity founded by University of Ottawa professor Dr. Peg Herbert celebrated its fifth

THANKS King Letsie III of

Lesotho visited Turnbull

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Canadian children who

a visit from King Letsie III. Since it began, Help Lesotho has raised more than \$3.6 million and had a positive impact on the lives of over 9,000 orphans, atrisk youth and grandmothers in the tiny landlocked African nation.

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Food aid for winter

Fundraisers a chance to help needy Ottawans

While winter is always a tough time for the Ottawa Food Bank, the recession has made this past year extra difficult.

"It's been tight," said Peter Tilley, executive director of the Ottawa Food Bank. "We hear that Ottawa is insulated and hasn't been hit as hard as other cities ... but we've had our challenges, too."

While 12 tons of food leave the Michael Street warehouse every working day to help 43,000 people, including 16,000 children, with emergency food assistance each month, statistics show that food bank usage is up. Usage rose five per cent in July, August and September over the previous year, Tilley said.

"And we saw an increase

in the numbers of first-time users, which have gone up by 12 per cent."

Winter is always difficult, with local families struggling to pay heating bills and put Christmas dinner on the table, Tilley said.

This week, Ottawa residents have several ways to help out a good cause.

Saturday, the 25th annual OC Transpo Loblaws food drive will be held at 19 Loblaws, Superstore and Your Independent Grocer locations across the city.

Founded the same year the Ottawa Food Bank began, the event remains one of the biggest drives in the city, bringing in more than 80,000 pounds of food every year, said Tilley.

year, said Tilley.
While OC Transpo donates the use of buses, driv-

ers volunteer their time to collect food outside store locations.

Most of the food collected through the food bank goes to the city's emergency grocery hamper program, but the bank also supports 135 other programs in Ottawa, including St. Mary's Home, the Dave Smith Treatment Centre, breakfast programs and shelters.

"This is as basic as it gets," said Tilley. "We're providing life's basic necessities."

Another fundraiser will be held at Rinaldo Hair Designers and Spa Sunday. The George Street spa will donate the entire day's sales to the food bank and collect non-perishable food donations.

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News in brief

PARKING Now that the occasional snowflake can be seen falling in the city, winter overnight parking regulations are in effect until April 1. Parking is prohibited on all Ottawa

streets between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. whenever Environment Canada is forecasting snowfalls of seven centimetres or more. Vehicle owners who have a municipal on-street parking permit are exempt from restrictions. Residents can sign up to receive email or Twitter notifications of overnight restrictions at ottawa.ca/winterparking.

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Bill aims to help foreign HIV/AIDS sufferers

A federal private member's bill aims to cut through the red tape hampering generic drug companies from shipping cheap HIV/AIDS drugs to developing countries. CBC News Online reports that MPs will today review New Democrat MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis's bill, designed to reform Canada's access to medicines law. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Gardens revitalized

There will be blades on the ice again at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens. Ottawa is contributing \$20 million toward the \$60-million plan to turn the hockey shrine into an athletic facility, rink and grocery store, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday. Ryerson University will contribute \$20 million and Loblaw Companies Ltd. will partner with Rverson to raise the remaining \$20 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

tive government has al-ways maintained that they do not track the job creation that stems from their \$16-billion effort to cushion the blow of the recession.

But Liberal MP Gerard Kennedy produced paper-

Ottawa-Ontario agreement on the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. The form shows that the federal government required municipalities to report how many jobs they expected to create.

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Tories hiding job numbers: Grits ECONOMY The Conservative government has all work yesterday from the Ottawa-Ontario agrees Work yesterday from the Ottawa-Ontario agrees memorial boycotted

Critics blame 'hypocritical' Tories

Opposition critics boycotted a non-partisan ceremony yesterday mark-ing the 20th anniversary of the Dec. 6 l'École Polytechnique massacre, saying they couldn't stand alongside the Tory status of women minister.

Liberal, NDP and Bloc Ouébécois MPs who sit on the House of Commons status of women committee argued that Tory policies have rolled back the fight for women's equality and safety.

They pointed to the Conservative government's elimination of the

court challenges program and to the move to abolish the gun registry - something that some Liberal and NDP members also support.

'We consider this (ceremony) a hypocritical gesture because her government has shown itself from the beginning to be hostile to all women's de-mands," said Bloc MP Nicole Demers.

Liberal MP Anita Neville said: "I find it difficult to stand beside a minister who chooses not to advocate for women."

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Minister of State (Status of Women) Helena Guergis places a red rose among 14 white roses during a ceremony to commemorate Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women on Parliament Hill yesterday in Ottawa.

News in brief

POLITICS The House of Commons has voted in favour of holding a judicial inquiry into the treatment of Afghan detainees, but the majority motion will likely be ignored by the governing Conservatives. LAWSUIT Vancouver International Airport has denied any responsibility for the death of Robert Dziekanski in a statement of defence to a lawsuit filed by his mother. Dziekanski died at the airport in October 2007 after four RCMP officers stunned him

with a Taser, and his mother is now suing the officers, the airport and the federal and provincial governments.

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Ottawa Museum workers strike



Julie Hughes, a public service employee with 30 years experience, holds a sign during a rally of striking museum workers on Parliament Hill yesterday in Ottawa.

Female ski jumpers to seek leave to appeal to Supreme Court of Canada

OLYMPICS A group of female ski jumpers hope to take their fight to be part of the 2010 Winter Games to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Lawyers for the women were expected to file a request before the country's highest court yesterday seeking leave to appeal a lower court decision that found the Charter of Rights does not apply to which sports are included in the Olympics.

A spokesperson for the women says they decided to appeal because they feel the issue of discrimination is bigger than one event at

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the Games.

"It's even bigger than women's rights, it's human rights," Deedee Corradini, the president of Women's Ski Jumping USA, said in an interview.

The Games are about two months away so Corradini said the women are asking the Supreme Court to expedite their decision on whether they'll hear the case and then also make a fast decision.

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News in brief

COALITION Prime Minister Stephen Harper is being urged to use his first visit to China to push for improved human rights. The Canadian Coalition on Human Rights in China says Canada must show moral courage in addressing rights issues with Chinese authorities. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Doctors singled out by Kenney

Immigration chief says MDs dragging feet on foreign-trained credentials

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is singling out doctors for not co-operating with federal efforts to speed up recognition of foreign credentials.

The government announced a plan this week that would give some foreign-trained workers an answer within a year whether their credentials will be recognized in Canada. But the professions in

Rebuttal

 Canada's largest professional al body representing doctors, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, says it already gives foreign-

the first phase of the framework includes only architects, engineers, pharmacists, physio and occupational therapists trained doctors feedback on their credentials in much less than a year — within four to six weeks in most cases.

and registered nurses. Kenney said the medical profession was reluctant to come to the table, despite the shortage of doctors in

Canada

"Here we have a profession that is much in demand in Canada, and we have foreign-trained doctors who are not given places to practice," he told the House of Commons immigration committee yesterday.

Doctors aren't scheduled to be included in the oneyear recognition plan until 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS



canada

Nova Scotia's plan goes from two jails to one

Nova Scotia's New Democrats intend to build one new jail instead of the two 50-cell lockups announced previously by the former Conservative government, Justice Minister Ross Landry revealed yesterday. Landry said a single 100-cell facility to serve the northern part of the province makes better economic sense. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Officer involved in Vancouver airport tasering now charged in car crash

LAW One of the officers involved in the fatal confrontation with Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport has been charged with attempting to obstruct justice in connection to an unrelated car accident that killed a man.

Cpl. Benjamin Monty Robinson was off duty when his vehicle collided with a motorcycle in October 2008 in Delta, B.C., killing 21-year-old Orion Hutchinson.

Delta police had recommended a charge of impaired driving causing death and dangerous driving causing death, but the B.C. Crown says the charge assessment standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt was not met for those charges.

Fatal taser confrontation

 Robinson was the most senior of the four RCMP officers involved in a confrontation with Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver airport in October 2007, during which

The Crown said the charge of attempting to obstruct justice is based

Dziekanski was shocked with a Taser and died. Robinson testified at a public inquiry earlier this year that he gave the order to use the Taser.

on alleged actions by Robinson after the collision. As the matter is now before the courts, the Crown declined further comment.

Delta police forwarded their report to the Crown in June.

Robinson was suspended with pay following the crash and RCMP spokesman Sgt. Tim Shields said yesterday the suspension continues.

Canada accepts 400 typhoon victims

The federal government says more than 400 Filipino victims of typhoon Ketsana have come to Canada under fast-track immigration procedures.

The September storm lashed the northern Philippines with the worst floods in decades and killed more than 250 people.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says application processes were speeded up to help reunite storm victims with family members who were already Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.

He says a majority of the applicants were parents or grandparents from hard-hit areas who sought refuge with family in Canada.

The special rules applied from Oct. 1 to Nov. 29 and standard immigration rules are now back in effect. The CANADIAN PRESS

Finance minister optimistic about 2010

ECONOMY Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty admits Canada had very modest growth in the third quarter.

But he says the government hopes Canada will have a continuation of growth at a greater pace in the fourth quarter.

Flaherty says the government is certainly more optimistic about economic growth in 2010.

He commented in Toronto yesterday at an announcement unveiling federal stimulus spending money to help renovate Maple Leaf Gardens.

Statistics Canada reported Monday that the economy inched ahead in the third quarter as real gross domestic product expanded at an annualized rate of 0.4 per cent.

Meanwhile, Scotiabank's chief economist Warren Jestin told an economic conference yesterday that North American economic growth will be sluggish in the coming months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk gestures as he rests inside a vehicle of the Russian Space Agency shortly after his landing in the steppe near the town of Arkalyk, northern Kazakhstan, yesterday. Astronauts from Canada and Belgium and a Russian cosmonaut landed safely on the Kazakhstan steppe, wrapping up a six-month stint on the International Space Station.

Astronaut wraps up space-station stint

Canadian lands safely in Kazakhstan

A record-setting Canadian astronaut slept like a baby in the back of a large allterrain vehicle during his first few hours back on Earth after spending six months aboard the International Space Station.

Bob Thirsk and two crewmates rumbled slowly along the barren terrain of Kazakhstan's north after their spacecraft landed upright yesterday in a field of knee-high brown grass about 80 kilometres from the town of Arkalyk.

Icy conditions in the region meant that even after the longest-ever space mission by a Canadian, Thirsk would have to wait a little longer to be reunited with his wife and family who were waiting to greet him in Moscow.

Helicopters that were supposed to carry recovery teams to the landing site were grounded because of low cloud cover and icy

by few: Group

Conditioning

The Canadian Space Agency said it may also take six months to one year before Thirsk's bone mass is back to normal.

conditions at their base. Instead of an airlift, Thirsk had wait for several

heavy duty all-terrain vehicles to reach him over rocky ground.
Dr. Jean-Marc Comtois,

chief of the Canadian Astronaut Office, said that when he arrived, the 56-year-old spaceman was already out of his space cap-

Thirsk told him every-thing went well during reentry, which also returned Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko and Belgian Frank De Winne. They had spent six months together. up in the giant orbiting

space lab.

In a phone call to the Canadian Space Agency near Montreal yesterday, Comtois said Thirsk had a chance to talk with his wife by satellite phone.

"I remember the smile when he was excited about going into space. During the whole space mission he had a smile from ear to ear — and today that didn't change," Comtois

told reporters.
"I think it was even more pronounced when he was talking to his wife. It was a very touching moment.'

Comtois said Thirsk slept "all the way back" during the four-hour return trip to Arkalyk, where he was to spend the night in a local hotel. But it will take a number of weeks back on Earth before Thirsk gets used to gravity

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Cleanup rules met Childcare program under fire

CLIMATE CHANGE An environmental think-tank savs few of Alberta's oilsands companies will be able to meet new provincial rules on cleaning up their vast, expanding and highly toxic tailings ponds. The Pembina Institute reviewed the cleanup plans of nine different oil-

concluded that only two — both owned by a — will be able to meet - both owned by Suncor rules.

sands projects and

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PAY-FOR-PLAY Quebec's iconic \$7-a-day childcare program has become the subject of a pay-for-play controversy.

The famous social program has been used to help fill the coffers of the province's governing Liberals, the opposition Parti Québécois charged yester-

day.

The PQ said it began examining who'd received contracts to open the daycare centres, and was startled by the preponderance of donors to the Quebec

Liberal party. For instance, the party said 70 per cent of new daycares opened in the Laurentian region last year were run by Liberal donors.

"There were public criteria (for awarding the daycare licences). Were there also criteria that didn't appear on the department's website?" said PQ member Nicolas Girard.

"These are legitimate questions we're asking, and that a lot of parents are asking today.

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Changing our channels of thought



t looks as if Al Jazeera is coming to a TV near you. Maybe as close as your living room, if

you have cable. Last week, the CRTC approved Al Jazeera English (AJE), the Qatar-based English-language version of the most popular news network in the Muslim world, and the cable companies are lining up to carry the signal.

This is in marked contrast to the last round, in 2003, when its sister network, AIA (Al Iazeera Arab), tried for a licence in Canada and was vigorously opposed. This time, there were 2,600 submissions to the CRTC in favour. What a difference a few years

I don't know if, as Al Jazeera claims, that the AJE and AJA are really two different organizations. I mean, really. But according to the CRTC, AJE "will expand the diversity of editorial points of view in the Canadian broadcasting system." And we're all for

Of course, if you stop to about think it for minute, that seems to imply that there is no one standard, grade-A version

of the truth,

and the only way we can snag that elusive commodity is to net it with a diversity of editorial points of

If news organizations such as Al

> and to be fair, Fox News, the BBC. Global, NBC, CBC,

etc.) were all as objective as they claim to

wouldn't they all be broadcasting the same, true

And how far will we go with this diversity of editorial opinion notion? If TTVN (Taliban TV Network) wanted access to the nation's living rooms, how would the CRTC respond?

Let me point out quickly that I'm pretty much in favour of the AJE application. I know its managing director Tony Burman pretty well. We used to work together at the CBC and spent many shifts trying to figure what to put on or what not to put on The Journal. There was nothing in his demeanour to indicate terrorist tendencies.

Once in a while he got a little grumpy, but that might have been the takeout we were forced to consume.

Still, if objectivity and truth exist totally in the eye of the beholder, will we ever really have any basis for agreement?

This problem is nothing new. In fact, it originated in the Middle East, even before the invention of television. It was called the Tower of Babel: Mass confusion, 24/7.

Is it really so different to-

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: Who do you support in the cable TV vs. local broadcaster debate?

Zane **Julian** Ottawa

A: Local stations, for sure. People watching local TV shouldn't have to pay more for it. don't agree with that. If cable companies are going to get our money, they should be supmoney, porting Canadian

Kim Threader

A: I'm not sure, but cable companies are going to raise cable fees anyway. Inflation is part of life. They're going to get more off of us anvwav.

Kevin **Deschamps** Ottawa

A: We should have to pay more, but cable should be giv-ing to local stasince stations like A Channel have been cutting back and even Canwest has had to close stations. shouldn't be hap

Mary Jones Bedford, N.S.

A: I really feel strongly we have to keep local TV. I think they should get the money sup-port from the gov-

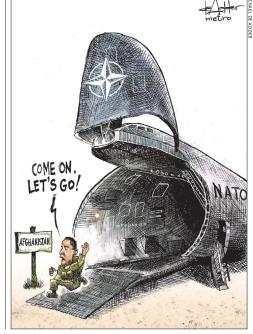
Orri Sachar Vancouver

A: To be honest Canadian TV isn't all that important to me. I don't watch it much myself so I wouldn't pay extra. I don't really support bailing out castations

Erica Woods Toronto

A: I think that both cable channels and network channels are greedy ... Cable is fairly expensive already, so this is gouging. agree with neither.





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Palin's Going Rogue goes platinum

A HarperCollins spokeswoman said yesterday that just two weeks after publication, Sarah Palin's memoir has sold one million copies, attaining platinum status. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

30,000 more troops **Afghanistan-bound**

U.S. President Barack Obama ordered an additional 30,000 U.S. troops into Afghanistan last night, but balanced the buildup with a pledge to impatient Americans to begin withdrawing U.S. forces in 18 months.

unveiled his Obama plans in a long-anticipated, high-profile speech broadcast from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in what could become a defining moment of his presidency and a political gamble that may weigh heavily on his chances for a second White House

The president said his new policy was designed to "bring this war to a suc-

clusion. The buildup will begin almost immediately the first Marines will be in place by Christ-

- and will cost \$30 mas billion for the first year

"We must deny al-Qaida a safe haven," Obama said, stating military goals for a war that has dragged on "We must for eight years. reverse the Taliban's momentum ... And we must strengthen the capacity of Afghanistan's security forces and government."

The speech represents the start of a campaign to restore support for the war effort among a public grown pessimistic about success and among some fellow Democrats in Congress wary of spending billions more dollars and putting tens of thousands more U.S. soldiers and Marines in harm's way.

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India World AIDS Day



Traditional Bihu dancers participate in an event yesterday to mark World AIDS Day in Gauhati, India. Nearly 2.5 million people in India are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, but talking about the disease and sexual health issues in general is still largely taboo.

Woods' wife upset by injuries: Lawyer

COLLISION Tiger Woods did not appear to be driving under the influence and showed no signs of having been in a fight in the minutes after his car crash outside his mansion, a lawyer for the neighbours who dialled 911 said vesterday.

Woods' injuries were "consistent with a car wreck and inconsistent with him being beat up, lawyer Bill Sharpe said. "The scratches on his face consistent with someone who maybe was in a minor car accident and hit his head on the windshield. ... None of his injuries looked like he was beat up by his wife.

In its initial accident re-

\$164 fine

• The Florida Highway Patrol says it will issue Tiger Woods a careless driving citation in relation to the crash. He faces a \$164 fine.

port, the Florida Highway Patrol said Woods collided with fire hydrant and a tree, and that alcohol was not involved.

Sharpe said neighbour Linda Adams and her two sons went outside after hearing the crash and Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, who was kneeling beside him, asked them to call 911.

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mous shoe-throwing Iraqi reporter after dodging a shoe himself. Scan this barcode for the full article.

SHOOTING The man suspected of gunning down four Washington State police officers in a coffee shop was shot and killed by a patrolman investigating a stolen car early yesterday. Maurice Clemmons reportedly tried to flee when the policeman ordered him to stop, and the officer opened fire. Four people were arrested for allegedly helpina Clemmons elude authorities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Mom smothers baby on flight by accident

A breast-feeding mother accidentally smothered her four-week old child aboard a United Airlines flight from Washington, D.C., to Kuwait, a British tabloid reported yesterday.

The Sun newspaper said the mother, who it said was a 29-year-old Egyptianborn woman, fell asleep as she breast-fed on the jet and awoke to find that the child had been smothered. The paper said the plane was diverted to London's Heathrow in an attempt to save the baby's life.

The paper cited an unnamed police source in its reporting. Scotland Yard confirmed that a United Airlines plane had been diverted to Heathrow in late

November after reports that a four-week-old girl was in distress.

The police said in a statement that the baby was taken to a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced dead. It added that an autopsy had been performed, but results were still pending.

"The death is being treated as unexplained and the Child Abuse Investigation Team is investigating the circumstances," the statement said.

Scotland Yard did not go into further detail, although Britain's Press Association news agency reported that such investigations were standard practice.

Protected witness in drug corruption case shot dead

MEXICO CITY Gunmen burst in to a Starbucks coffee shop yesterday and killed a former policeman who was a protected witness in a drug corruption case, the second death of a high-profile witness in Mexico in less than two weeks.

Edgar Bayardo was gunned down in the upper middle-class Del Valle neighbourhood of the capital, and a man with him was severely wounded, city prosecutor Jaime Slomianski Aguilar said. Another customer who apparently had nothing to do with Bayardo also was wounded.

Shell casings lay on the shop floor between the door and the counter. The killing bore all the hallmarks of an organized

Ex-investigator

• Bayardo was detained in 2008 on suspicion of collaborating with the Sinaloa drug cartel, as part of a large-scale cleanup of drug corruption. Soon after, Bayardo, a former federal police investigator, was freed from house arrest and declared a protected witness.

crime execution.

Two assailants entered the shop and, without saying a word, opened fire on Bayardo with an automatic weapon, authorities said. They fled with a third accomplice in a waiting vehicle that the attackers abandoned a few blocks away.

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Tempers flare in health-care debate

HEALTH A Republican senator contended yesterday during raucous floor debate that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul will shorten the lives of seniors by cutting federal coverage for the elderly.

"I have a message for you: You're going to die sooner," said Republican Sen. Tom Coburn, an obstetrician-turned-lawmaker.

A senior Democrat decried such comments as "scare tactics" designed to kill legislation that he said would improve some benefits for the elderly. As the Senate pushed toward the first votes on the legislation, the debate recalled

31M insured

 The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that 31 million uninsured individuals would receive insurance if the bill were enacted, many of them assisted by federal subsidies.

the raw charges of the summer's town hall meetings. The Senate was debating an amendment by Republican Sen. John McCain that would strip from the bill more than \$400 billion in Medicare cuts to home health providers, hospitals, hospices and others.

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Honduras election called a fraud

Don't recognize vote, Zelaya urges neighbours

Deposed Honduran President Manuel Zelaya sent a letter to divided Latin American leaders yesterday urging them to reject elections held under the coup-installed government and help restore him to power.

"I ask you not to recognize the electoral fraud and for your co-operation

so that this coup d'etat does not remain unpunished," the leftist leader said in a letter released from the Brazilian Embassy, where he is holed up under threat of arrest.

Western Hemisphere countries united to condemn Zelaya's June 28 ouster but are divided on whether to recognize Sunday's presidential vote.

The United States, which cut off development aid and anti-drug trafficking co-operation with its impoverished ally after the coup, says Hondurans have the right to choose a new leader in regular elections that had been scheduled before Zelaya's overthrow.

efore Zelaya's overthrow. Costa Rica, Peru, Colombia and Panama share that stance.

Porfirio Lobo, a wealthy rancher from the opposition National Party, defeated Elvin Santos of the ruling Liberal party, which largely turned against Zelaya and supported his ouster. Zelaya was not a candidate.

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Romania Political protest



Demonstrators in Timisoara, Romania yesterday were protesting a new alliance of former communists and anti-communists.

Father to stand trial in son's murder

SHOOTING A judge has ruled a Michigan man will stand trial on allegations he forced his naked 15-year-old son into a vacant lot, then shot him to death as he and family members pleaded for mercy.

Jamar Pinkney Sr. is charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 16 killing of Jamar Pinkney Jr. in Highland Park.

Corbett O'Meara, Pinkney Sr.'s lawyer, says the 37-year-old was irate over accusations his son had raped a three-year-old girl. Judge Brigette Officer ruled yesterday there's enough evidence to prosecute.

O'Meara says he is pursuing an insanity defence.

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U.S. seeks cleric over Fort Hood connection

U.S. Federal authorities in Colorado are reviewing a 2002 file on a Muslim cleric who communicated with the shooting suspect at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Denver confirmed yesterday that it has some record of Anwar al-Awlaki, but would not give further details.

Al-Awlaki is a New Mexico native who attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., before moving in 2002 to Yemen where he is at large.

large.

The imam was reportedly corresponding by email with Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, who is charged with killing 13 people at Fort Hood last month.

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General Motors Co. CEO Frederick Henderson stepped down yesterday after the board determined that the company wasn't changing quickly enough. Chairman Ed Whitacre Jr. said at a hastily called news conference that he will serve as interim CEO, and a search for a new CEO and president is planned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Barrick eliminates all its gold hedges

GOLD Barrick Gold Corp. has eliminated all of its gold hedges ahead of schedule, the world's largest gold producer said yesterday.

The news sent Barrick's shares up by \$3.55 or 7.9 per cent to \$48.41 in afternoon trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The hedges had limited Barrick's ability to take advantage of rising gold prices, although they also were designed to protect the company from lower

The Toronto-based company said yesterday that its positive view on gold prices spurred a decision to speed up the elimination of its hedges.

Barrick announced in September it would eliminate all its gold hedges within 12 months. To fund the elimination, it issued equity for net proceeds of \$3.9 billion US in September.

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Automaker sales jump from last year

Toyota reports record boost for November

Canadian sales for many automakers jumped in November, due in large part to the fact that last November was when the industry — and the econo-

my — collapsed.

But big jumps in car sales numbers weren't due solely to year-over-year comparisons — Toyota and Hyundai both reported record sales for the month of November, a sign that consumers are increasing-

The percentage Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. reported it was up from a year earlier.

ly willing to spend money on big-ticket items like cars. Toyota Canada said Tuesday that it sold 14,829 vehicles in November, up 27.4 per cent from a year earlier. This boost was led by truck sales, which were up 54.1 per cent. The luxury Lexus division sold 1,283 vehicles, up 11.4 per cent to its best November on record.

Meanwhile, Hyundai is quickly distinguishing itself as an able competitor with the five companies that traditionally lead the pack in terms of Canadian market share — General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Honda and Tovota.

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Telus announces note redemption

GM CEO to resign

YIELDS Telus Corp. announced yesterday it plans a partial early redemption of \$1.95 billion US in notes issued in 2001.

The notes, issued in May 2001, are due June 1, 2011.

The redemption is to be financed through a new debt issue as well as funds from existing credit facilities. The redemption price will be based on the adjusted U.S. treasury yield. Telus said note holders will receive accrued interest to the redemption date. Telus shares were up 15 cents at \$34.35 in morning trading.

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Growth will be sluggish: Bank

ECONOMY Scotiabank's chief economist says North American economic growth will be sluggish in the coming months as the global economy struggles to get a recovery off the ground.

"Over the next six months we're in a

recovery phase," he said.
Warren Jestin told aconference that inventory adjustments will drive

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In this photo shoppers browse the aisles looking for supplies at the Staples Office Supply store in Springfield, Ill. Staples Inc. provided an upbeat view of its prospects yesterday.





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Marc Savard is staying put in Boston for a while. The Bruins have signed the centre to a seven-year contract extension that will keep him with the club through the 2016-17 season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



Ovechkin suspended

Washington Captials star Alex Ovechkin, left, has been suspended for on Monday. Ovechkin hurt his knee in the hit and was pronounced 'day-to-day" by the Capitals yesterday.

Will Heatley mess never end?

Melnyk's efforts to recoup cash from former star are a distraction



ell. now that the Ottawa Senators have finally faced Dany Heatley for the first time since his ugly divorce last summer, thankfully they can now move on.

Oh, wait a minute. No they can't, thanks to their owner Eugene Melnyk and his vindictive pursuit of Heatley through arbitration. Isn't it great to see rich guys cry and stamp their feet after they don't get their own way?

This corner has gone on the record a number of times saying Heatley was guilty of nothing more than being a petulant, self-absorbed twit. Did he jerk the Senators around? Heck,

Did he do anything that would put him in a position where he could be pursued for damages from a team that didn't make the playoffs? Come on.

The fact that Melnyk in-



Dany Heatley of the San Jose Sharks squirts himself with water prior to the start of a game against the Anaheim Ducks on Oct. 3. For results of last night's Senators-Sharks game visit metronews.ca/sports.

tends to recoup the \$4 million he paid Heatley in signing bonus, and lost revenues due to the perceived damage L'affaire Heatley caused the organization, is rich indeed. Remember, Melnyk is the same owner who signed off on the transaction to sign Marian Hossa to a long-term contract one day, then trade him to the Atlanta Thrashers for Heatley the next.

The fact is, Heatley nego-

tiated a no-trade clause in his contract and he enforced it when the deal wasn't of his liking. Nothing more, nothing less. Of course he could have handled the situation better, but perhaps the Senators should have thought of that before giving him an iron-clad no-trade clause in the first place.

And here's another little fact that seems to be escaping the Senators. They could have said no.

They were fully within their rights to tell Heatley exactly where to stick his trade request. They could have demanded that he show up at training camp and fulfill his contractual obligation to the team. They could have told him to work out his problems with coach Cory Clouston and/or get his off-ice issues in order. Then they would have had a case had Heat-



ley not come to camp.
And they would have been in a great position of leverage. They could have told Heatley he could sit at home and rot for as long as he wanted to do so, knowing full well it is an Olympic year and doing so would have killed Heatley's chance to play for Canada in Vancouver.

Heatley would have either have had to comply or he would have looked like an even bigger jerk than he did and the Senators would have come out of this looking great.

They could have negotiated with teams with Heatley playing and the entire situation still could have been resolved one way or the other.

Now they just look like they're bent on revenge.

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Sports in brief

Bruins lock up Savard

BSAEBALL There was just one positive steroids test in the major leagues over the full first year of the toughened program, but the number of players authorized to use otherwise banned stimulants because they have ADHD rose by a small amount for the second straight year. Baseball granted 108 therapeutic use exemptions for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder during the past year, according to the annual report released yesterday by MLB's independent drug-testing administrator.

NBA Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers are closer to a reunion. A person with knowledge of the contract talks says the Sixers offered a oneyear, non-guaranteed contract to Iverson yesterday.

FOOTBALL Florida State coach Bobby Bowden will end his 44year coaching career after the Seminoles play in a bowl game. Bowden, 80, will retire as the second winningest coach in major-college football behind Penn State's Joe Paterno.

NFL Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward apologized yesterday for openly questioning Ben Roethlisberger's toughness, saying he spoke emotionally without knowing a team doctor recommended the quarterback not play Sunday because of a concussion.

BASEBALL Former Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Scott Schoeneweis' wife died from an overdose of cocaine and an anaesthetic, lidocaine, an appellate court disclosed in a ruling released yesterday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

NHL approves sale of Habs to group headed by Molson family

A new era began for the Montreal Canadiens yesterday, with a familiar name taking charge.

The NHL board of governors has approved the club's sale to a partnership group headed by the Mol-son family, just days before Montreal's 100th anniversary celebration on Friday.

Geoff Molson and his brothers Andrew and Justin are the lead investors in a group that reportedly paid \$575 million US to purchase the Canadiens, the Bell Centre and the Gillett Entertainment Group from George Gillett. The American businessman paid \$275 million for the team and the arena in

The brothers become the fourth group of Molsons to own the club since the 1950s.

"It's been five decades we've been involved with this team," Geoff Molson told reporters yesterday. "It's in our soul, it's in our blood, and we always wanted to once again become

the owners of this team."

Geoff Molson addressed the media alone before vesterday's Habs game against the Toronto Maple Leafs, leaving no doubt as to who the leader of the franchise will be moving forward.

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A closely watched return

Wotherspoon competing in first international event since his injury

Jeremy Wotherspoon has been on two new boots and one new blade for about a month now, and the speedskating star is ready to truly initiate his fresh gear when he makes his season debut at this weekend's World Cup in Calgary.

The native of Red Deer, Alta., hasn't raced in an international competition since breaking his left arm in six spots during a fall in last year's season-opener in Berlin, and his return is one of several things Speed Skating Canada officials will be keeping a close eye on at the event.

Everyone is curious about how he'll do, especially Wotherspoon himself

"I'm pretty interested to see how it goes," he said yesterday before practice at the Calgary Olympic Oval. "It's been a slower start to the season than I would have liked but I'm feeling better."

Already on the right path are several of his teammates.

Christine Nesbitt of Lon-



don, Ont., Kristina Groves of Ottawa, Clara Hughes of Glen Sutton, Que., and Denny Morrison of Fort St. Iohn, B.C., are all pre-qualified for the Olympics and sitting pretty in the leadup to the Games. For them, the remaining two World Cups and the national Olympic trials are all about

building up just right for February, and making the most of the big competitions left.

Nesbitt, on fire to start the season, plans to use Calgary as preparation for competing in Richmond, Vancouver suburb home to the 2010 oval.

"It's totally a mini-simu-

lation of the Olympics," she said. "Obviously it's not the exact same thing, it's not the same facility, it won't be the same intensity of environment, but it's a really good opportunity to practise racing in front a hopefully sold-out home crowd.

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The Yankees declined to offer salary arbitration to World Series MVP Hideki Matsui, Johnny Damon and Andy Pettitte, a move that means New York would not receive draft picks as compensation if they sign with other teams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man U beats Tottenham

Defending champion Manchester United advanced to the Carling Cup semifinals yesterday by beating Tottenham 2-0, while Aston Villa won 4-2 over Portsmouth.

Man United midfielder Darron Gibson struck twice in the first half in a rematch of last season's final that was won by United in a penalty shootout.

"It was a good team performance following last week. We bounced back and the young lads did well," Gibson said. "We didn't go out to try and prove anything. Sometimes you have bad days and today was a good day."

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Manchester United's Park Ji-Sung, bottom, fights for the ball against Tottenham's Jermine Jenas.

Unbeaten Saints not taking any games for granted

The New Orleans Saints' pursuit of perfection looks more attainable with every lopsided victory.

Following their 38-17 triumph over New England, nine of the Saints' 11 wins have been by double digits and their average margin of victory is 16.9 points.

Of their five remaining regular season games, only two will be against teams that currently have winning records.

Yet quarterback Drew Brees cautioned against making too much of the Saints' impressive dismantling of the Patriots on Monday night

day night.
"People are going to talk about this game and maybe blow it out of proportion a little bit," Brees said following his 371-yard, five touchdown outing. "This game

doesn't entitle us to anything. It's just another win in the win column. If anything, you have the challenge of coming back on a short week and playing at Washington. That's what I mean when I say it gets tougher." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Metro Vancouver is warning the University of British Columbia that if it will not take responsibility for its own governance, the city will impose a contentious zoning bylaw, reports the Vancouver Sun. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Downturn hits Alberta trades

Shifting demographics and the recession are affecting staff levels among construction trades, which will likely affect apprenticeship enrolments at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, say industry and school officials. Even as ground clearing is underway for the \$445-million Trades and Technology Complex at SAIT, officials say a decline is likely in the number of students applying to trades programs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

FORMER MP NAME INTERIM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: New Brunswick's St. Thomas University's board of governors has appointed Dennis Cochrane as the institution's interim president and vice-chancellor, effective January 2010. A graduate of the University of New Brunswick and the Université de Moncton, Cochrane was mayor of Moncton from 1979-83, and an MP from 1984-88. He was elected leader of N.B.'s PC party in 1991 and was an MLA, roles he served in until 1995. Cochrane has also served as the deputy minister of education in N.B. and Nova Scotia. **USASK AIMS TO IMPROVE**

DISTANCE EDUCATION: As part of its commitment to manage enrolment numbers and deliver quality programming throughout the province, the University of Saskatchewan has initiated a project to improve distance education. A series of consultations with uSask college deans and department heads uncovered consensus that increasing and improving the model of off-campus learning is important to the university's future.

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Tis the season to give back

Tis the Season

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and dissappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.

JON TATTRIE for Metro Canada

As the holiday season revs up, children's charities swing into gear as well, hoping to provide toys, hope and a lot of joy to kids in the greatest need.

Across Canada, the Children's Wish Foundation takes aim at making kids' dreams literally come true by fulfilling their personal wishes, no matter what they may be. The organization works with donors, and volunteers to fulfill requests from eligible kids between the ages of three and 17 who are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses

Paul St-Germain, a director at the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, says that after 25 years of fulfilling wishes for children, the people involved with Children's Wish know one thing is for certain: Kids' wish requests are as creative and varied as they are.

Disney World visits and celebrities meet-ups top the list, such as the case of one girl with Leukemia who wanted to meet Robin Williams - she did, handing him a hand-drawn collage of all the animated characters he's ever voiced while Williams spent the day with her in between film takes.

From one girl in Manitoba who dreamed of having her own white horse to a young boy on the East Coast who's only wish was to have his grandparents be

'We're dedicated to working within the community to let children with life threatening illnesses to realize their most heartfelt wish."

Children's Wish Foundation's Paul St-Germain

able to move closer to him from Edmonton, kids have come up with some real doozies and Children's Wish has made sure to follow through.

"Each wish is a unique as the child who wishes it no two wishes are the same. We're dedicated to working within the community to let children with life threatening illnesses to realize their most heartfelt wish," St-Germain said.

The organization fills about 900 wish requests each year across Canada and St-Germain says the joy a fulfilled wish brings affects not only the kids and their families but

the volunteers

donors who make it all possible as well.

"The benefit is almost immeasurable. (A fulfilled wish) helps not only the children cope with the illness but the family as a whole to reconnect and focus on something other than the illness. It's lifechanging both for the children and families and the people who participate in doing it," St-Germain said. For kids whose families

are enduring hard times, joys of the toy variety can be few and far between and toy drives throughout the country try to provide kids with a little bit of playtime

In Toronto, the Salva-

tion Army and CTV

Mountain campaign has been a staple for 14 years and this year hopes to top 110,000 donated tovs. Reaching the goal would mean filling an entire warehouse almost to the roof with tovs and John Murray. spokesperson for the Salvation Army, says seeing last year's finished mountain the organization's best-ever haul of more than 100,000 toys - was an amazing experience.

"It's tremendously rewarding to be able to know you're providing a sense of joy to kids — it's incredible." Murray said.

Similar toy drives are supported by the Salvation Army throughout the country and Murray says anyone can have a hand in making a child's Christmas a happy

To help contribute toys or volunteer with the Salvation Army, visit salvationarmy.ca or call 1-800-SALARMY.

To help make a child's wish come true with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, visit catalogueofwishes.ca to view a virtual catalogue of wishes and help contribute things or help volunteer.





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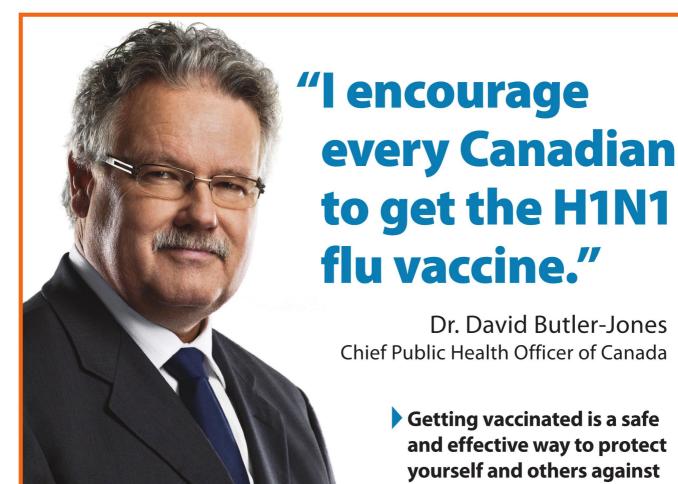
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On Friday, Holland College, located in Prince Edward Island, kicked off its multimillion-dollar Learning. For Lifecapital campaign, the most ambitious fundraising effort in the college's 40-year history. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Top architect to talk at Ryerson

University nabs world-renowned designer Will Alsop as visiting practitioner

MAT LECOMPTE for Metro Canada

In the past when talking about the globes' unique urban playgrounds, known for cutting-edge design and breathtaking architecture, the name "Toronto" wasn't exactly a city that came to mind.

Through the past couple of years, however, Toronto's gone through a bit of a facelift. OCAD, the AGO and the ROM have all undergone significant changes, helping to give an identifiable face to the city. Whether or not people associate these new looks with beauty is up for discussion, but one thing is clear: The city is making an effort to boost its architectural profile.

Now, as we enter 2010, Ryerson University has taken the next step by naming award-winning and interna-



Will Alsop, the architect behind the Sharp Centre for Design at OCAD, was not initially impressed with Toronto, but he says that the city has gone through a 'dramatic' change since his first visit.

tionally known architect Will Alsop as a Visiting Practitioner.

Alsop, regarded as one of the most prominent United Kingdom architects, is best known for his avante-garde and modernist style. He was the mind behind the awardwinning Sharp Centre for Design at OCAD, and is working on a number of other innovative projects here in Toronto and across the globe.

"When I first came here in 2000 to interview for the OCAD project, I didn't like it. In fact, I was glad to leave after two or three days," he said. "It didn't strike me as

"I like to be part of something that's growing and turning into something new." Architect Will Alsop

a great place, initially."

He liked the people, he said, but the architecture and appearance of the city left much to be desired.

"I thought it didn't have a sense of itself. Architecturally, it didn't seem to have any real ambition," he said. "In a way, that was true because the city has changed dramatically since then."

It is this change and progress that has drawn Alsop to the city, and now, to Ryerson. He told Metro that some would argue, rightly or wrongly, that Ryerson's Department of Architectural Science is an underdog. However, he thinks the tools are there to grow the department into an internationally renowned program

"I like to be part of something that's growing and turning into something new, rather than being at one of the other established universities."

Kendra Schank Smith, Chair of the department, says students and faculty alike are quite excited to have a mind like Alsop's on board.

"It's very prestigious and exciting," she said. "It's very important because he brings a lot of ideas and enthusiasm."

Alsop views Toronto as a place with plenty of unique opportunities for architects, and those who are training and residing here have the power to transform the urban landscape.

As opposed to a beautiful city like Paris, he said, that doesn't leave much room for improvement, Toronto is a city offering all kinds of room for new, ambitious work.

Toronto's key challenges, he says, are to focus on creating better uses of public space, reducing traffic, making streets more walkable and, for the most part, encouraging people towards a more community-based, street life.

This can be done by designing functional communities with schools, libraries, and other amenities all easily reachable on foot.



Workology in brief

ONTARIO'S BACCALAUREATE:

As reported by the Globe and Mail, Academic Transformation: The Forces Reshaping Higher Education in Ontario, a new book released yesterday, argues that Ontario's model for providing undergraduate education is no longer viable. Increased expectation for institutions to produce knowledge that will enhance Canada's economic well-being, and pressure to increase accessibility to undergraduate-level education has made it impossible for Ontario to maintain a model of education in which students

should be taught only by faculty who are actively engaged in original research, the book argues. The authors find that the high costs associated with the research-university model has resulted in chronic financial strain. Recommendations listed in the book include creating a new sector of baccalaureate institutions that focus on teaching, encouraging universities to create or maintain a highquality three-year undergraduate degree, and promoting balance and differentiation in the college METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Although remedial, negative performance appraisals usually contemplate corrective discipline, which may eventually support the employer's case for dismissal. Therefore, ask for sufficient time and support to correct any alleged deficiency. DANIEL LUBLIN/FOR METRO CANADA

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Performance appraisals can cut both ways

underperformance is not an easy task! Court cases clearly state that employers owe a duty to provide employees with opportunity and means required to improve underperformance if being dismissing without pay for that reason. Judges require that employers prove an employee was that progressive warnings were issued, clearly identifying areas of concern.

Therefore, employers seeking to dismiss their habitual bitual underperformer usually follow a prescription for a tidy divorce: Create a paper trail documenting any and all allegations and concerns. Typically, this is accomplished by a series of negative performees, therefore, ought to consider the following response:

 Document your response to a challenged appraisal in writing and request that the response be placed alongside the appraisal in your human resource file. Performance appraisals

should be remedial in na-Point out that the standards expected are not beyond your capability, were never communicated, or suitable instruction and supervision were never given.

• Express bewilderment if there is any marked inconsistency with previous positive appraisals or accomplishments.

• State that prior to the appraisal, the alleged shortcoming was never verbalized and, as far as understood, you were just following the procedures or protocol in place.

If there is any policy detailing the evaluation or appraisal process, point out any inconsistencies with the policy and state the appraisal did not meet the required criterion.

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Claire Copp stands up to one of the Dragons in tonight's episode.

See some bullying in the Dragons' Den



And you could say the same about workplace bullying. There has to be a bully, someone using their power or personality to intimidate a co-worker or subordinate — but there also has to be a 'victim' to accept that unfair treatment.

I found myself thinking about this after seeing tonight's episode of Dragons' Den. A woman gets flamed by the Dragons, and it reminded me of the time a pitcher complained to me that she felt she'd been bullied in the Den.

It's true that the Dragons are rich and powerful, and that they are sometimes very critical of the entrepreneurs who are asking for investment but who wouldn't ask plenty of questions when asked to hand over hundreds of thousands of dollars? It's the Dragons' own money these people want.

Even so, sometimes, it's difficult to watch rookies go head-to-head with true pros. The powerful vs. powerless dynamic can appear to be akin to bullying.

But who is truly powerless? Tonight Claire Copp

Abbotsford, stands up to Kevin O'Leary as he attacks her business plan. ("Ooh, I like her now." says Dragon Robert Herjavec, in praise of her spirit). Randy Thompson of Victoria, B.C. fought fire with fire earlier in the season, calling Kevin a variety of nasty names when he criti-

cized Randy's board game.

Anyone can do that the show has no rules about how the Dragons and pitchers have to interact.

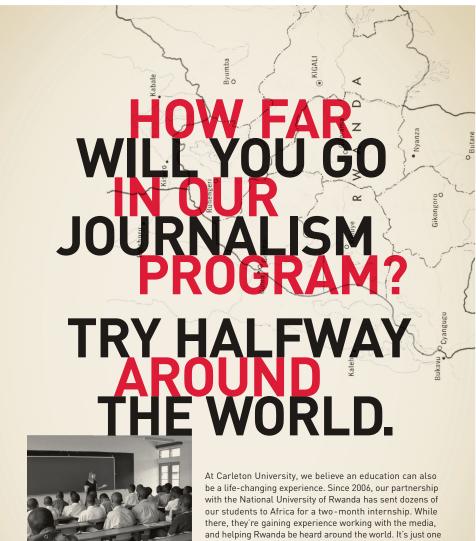
But it's not easy to take on someone who seems bigger and stronger. And sadly when it comes to the workplace, bullying isn't uncom-

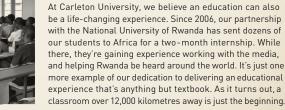
Most experts advise people with bullying colleagues to consult a trusted mentor. Often someone older and more experienced can offer ideas about how to react in tense situations.

If confrontation feels too dangerous or distressing, and if you work in company with a Human Resources department, someone there may be able to intervene on your behalf, and mediate.

In any work environment though, the key is to recognize that you are a valuable contributor, and that no one has a right to intimidate you. If you can draw on the strength of that knowledge, you can simply refuse to be drawn into a bullying scenario. It takes two, after all.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.





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Metro Drive

Things of beauty

Award-winning car writer and design critic Stephen Bayley explores the 86 most beautiful cars ever produced in his latest book Cars: Freedom, Style, Sex, Power, Motion, Colour, Everything. The jaw-dropping black-and-white photos of the cars are alone worth the hefty \$80 price tag. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Acura ZDX: Road thrill

PETER BLEAKNEY for Metro Canada

This month, Acura is launching its bravely styled new brand leader, the 2010 ZDX crossover. Like the BMW X6, this similarly profiled soft-roader unabashedly advertises its form over function. Unlike the four place Bimmer, the ZDX will seat five, but it doesn't have as much cargo capacity as the compact Honda Fit.

Fine. So Acura's new luxury crossover will be an emotional, right brain purchase. In that context, it's a pretty cool rig.

grinning Acura's new metallic grill looks most at home here, parked on the front of this intriguing wedge with the origami wedge with the original edges and all-glass roof. With "hidden" rear door handles and an extreme fast-back profile, it tricks the eye into thinking it's a two-door vehicle.

The ZDX is built in Allis-

2010 Acura ZDX

Type: Luxury crossover **Price:** from \$55,990 Engine: 3.7L SOHC V6 **HP:** 300 Torque: 270 lb-ft

Highlights

- Athletic performance
- Impressive interior
- Built in Canada

ton, Ont., along side the Acura MDX, from which it gets its platform and most mechanicals.

Motivation comes from the MDX's 300 hp 270 lb-ft 3.7L SOHC V6 hooked to an all-new six-speed auto with paddle shifters. It also shares the MDX's SH-AWD (super handling all wheel drive) with torque vectoring rear differential that overdrives the outside rear wheel when cornering. The Acura MDX is cer-

tainly one of the more athletic full-sized SUVs, so it's no surprise the ZDX takes



The ZDX is built in Alliston, Ont., along side the Acura MDX, from which it gets its platform and most mechanicals. The interior features an organic flow of curves and top-shelf materials.

this altheticism a step further with its lower centre of gravity and reduced curb weight.

Over the twisty canyon roads of our test loop, this four-door SUV/CUV coupe thingy never put a wheel wrong. While you can't feel the active diff working, you know it is because of the ZDX's quick turn in and fluidity through the bends. Suspension tuning finds a good balance between body control and

comfort and the hydraulic steering has good feel

The ZDX's interior is the nicest effort I've seen from this company, featuring an organic flow of concave and convex curves and topshelf materials. Hand-sewn full-grain leather covers the lower sweep of the dash, door panels and seats.

Standard is a three-view rear view camera, powered tailgate, heated rear seats and headlight washers. The cabin is quieted by cancelling frequencies sent forth from the audio sys-

Tall folks in the back seat will find their pompadours perilously close to the scooped out headliner.

No surprise there. The nicely appointed cargo

area is designed to hold four sets of golf clubs though, so at least the passengers will have something to look forward to.







The Autonomous Audi TTS quattro is a unique prototype 'driverless' TTS quattro using 'drive by wire' technology.

Over the hills and far away without a driver

Audi is set to return to a venue synonymous with its past motorsport successes when a "driverless" TTS Coupe quattro tackles the infamous Pikes Peak Hill Climb in the U.S.

non-competitive The "drive" would be 30 years after the German manufacturer's quattro permanent

four-wheel-drive technology first appeared.

The Autonomous Audi TTS Coupé quattro is the direct result of work underway at the Volkswagen Group Automotive Innovation Laboratory (VAIL) — a collaborative effort set up by the Volkswagen Group Electronics Research Laboratory and Stanford University USA to advance car technology.

Currently in the testing phase, the Autonomous Audi TTS quattro is being developed for several still-tobe determined real-world driving challenges in 2010.

The project is not aimed at making motorists, or

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A place to put up your paws and relax

Furry travellers now have a place to stretch their legs at Atlanta's airport. A new fenced-in dog park is part of the ground transportation centre on the west end of the passenger terminal at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The 93-square-metre park, which opened last month, can accommodate two pooches at a time and features flowers, grass, rocks, benches and two original pieces of art. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Discover Obama's 'lost years'

New York walk tour shows where the U.S. president cut his intellectual teeth

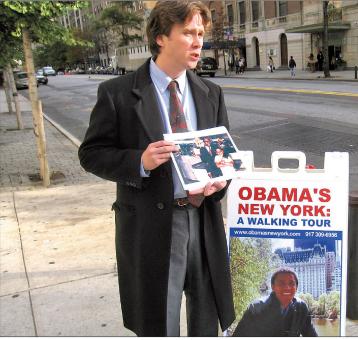
Jeremiah Miller calls the time Barack Obama spent in New York "the lost years," because that period from 1981 to 1985 is not as well-known as his roots in Hawaii or his recent years in Chicago, To fill in the gap, Miller offers a tour of Upper Manhattan called "Obama's New York."

The two-hour \$25 walking tour includes stops at Columbia University, Harlem subway station, and the street where the man who now sleeps in the White House once

slept in an alley. "I became intrigued by the fact that not much is known about his life during this period, but this was a pivotal time for him," said Miller. "He was searching for himself. He felt he didn't fit in. That's why he came to New York — to find community.'

Obama completed his college degree at Columbia University in 1983, having transferred there as a jun-ior from Occidental College in Los Angeles. After college, he worked in Harlem for the New York Public Interest Research Group, a job that led to community organizing in Chicago.

Obama even opens his memoir, Dreams from My Father, with a scene in New York. It was the day he got the news that his Kenyan father was dead. Miller pauses on a sidewalk while leading the tour to narrate that dramatic opening passage from the book, as he reads Obama's recollecaloud



Above: The Obama walking tour takes tourists through the places that shaped the U.S. President's intellectual roots. Upper right: Obama spent his first night in New York sleeping on the streets after no one was home at that apartment he was to be staying at.

tion of the phone call from a relative in Kenya:

"'Can you hear me? I say, your father is dead.' ... That was all, the line cut off, and I sat down on the couch, smelling eggs burn in the kitchen, staring at cracks in the plaster, trying to measure my loss."

Miller reads another passage from the memoir while standing on 109th Street near Amsterdam Avwhere. Obama enue. wrote, "I spent my first



Obama completed his college degree at Columbia University.



night in Manhattan curled up in an alleyway."

He was supposed to stay in an apartment at 142 W. 109th St., and eventually he did move in, but nobody was home when he arrived.

After several other stops, the tour ends by hopping on the No. 1 train and heading uptown to City College in Harlem.

Here Obama worked for NYPIRG, organizing students on issues like recycling. He also lobbied to have the 137th Street subway station cleaned up.

Miller contends that the time Obama spent in New York put the future president on a path of activism and community service that eventually led to the White House.

'It was where Barry the boy became Barack the man," Miller said. "He may not have found his community, but he did find himself." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Museum not a black or white issue

RACISM Every day before heading to Little Rock Central High School in the fall of 1957, nine black students gathered at Daisy and L.C. Bates's home to prepare for the angry mob they faced as they integrated the all-white school.

"It was kind of like a war room in a sense," said Carlotta Walls LaNier, one of the black students commonly

Bates

Daisy Bates,

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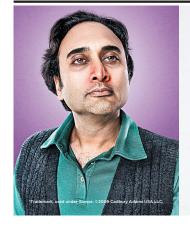
known as the Little Rock Nine. "It was a place that we gathered and got ready to go to school.'

The small tan brick home in south Little Rock is easy to miss, with a plaque in the front vard marking it as a national

historic site. But a non-profit is changing that by opening the house, during Black History Month, as a muse-

The L.C. and Daisy Bates Museum Foundation Inc. and the Christian Ministerial Alliance, which owns the house, has made \$75,000 in repairs and is promoting the site as a complement to a museum about the desegregation crisis located near Central High School.

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Roosevelt Hotel brings its Christmas display back

The historic Roosevelt Hotel is bringing back its famous Christmas lobby display, but with a new look. The Christmas display, which runs through Jan. 4, includes 20 birch trees, a canopy of white birch branches decorated with thousands of lights, along with 26 Douglas fir Christmas trees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One glass at a time in Ireland

Guinness may be what it's known for, but the island offers plenty more to explore for travellers

ROMINA MCGUINNESS Metro World News

Sandwiched between the Atlantic Ocean to the West, and the United Kingdom to the East, Ireland is a very special place to take a holiday.

The spectacular landscape, which ranges from the jagged mountains and sandy pearl beaches of the coast to the emerald inland vegetation and its fantastically friendly people, are part of what make Ireland one of Europe's most beautiful islands. Here's the top five must see and

Oysters in Galway

Situated on the west coast Ireland, Galway is home to the world's tastiest aphrodisiac — the oyster. The Irish equivalent to sushi and champagne, little beats a night of cracking open fresh oysters followed by a pint of creamy Guinness. The best place in the area is Kelly Galway's oysters in Kilcolgan (kellyovsters.com)



Ireland offers many locations that are perfect for day-trip adventures

Horseriding in Connemara

Connemara's striking landscape of rugged mountains, cobalt blue sea and jade green esplanades is admired on horseback. Trot or gallop your way along the Connemara Trail

(connemaratrail.com). which follows the ebb and flow of the Atlantic Ocean. **Guinness in Dublin**

The main factory of Ireland's pride and joy — the Guinness Storehouse (guinness-storehouse.com) in Dublin provides a good starting point to a cheerful

holiday. A visit covers the basics of stout beer making followed by the serious task of tasting. Dublin alone is worth putting your pint down for.

Gaelic paradise in Donegal

Thanks to the feisty waves coming in from the



Atlantic Ocean and beautiful stretches of beach, the areas around Donegal are ideal for water sports. Bundoran is a gem for those seeking great surfing. Whilst not exactly your typical 'surfer's paradise', the mystical atmosphere, amazing wave and swell quality and reefs all add up to create the perfect surf stop.

Gaelic culture in the **Aran Islands**

The Aran Islands, clustered at the mouth of Gal-

way Bay are an ideal day trip there is a frequent — and pleasant- shuttle service by ferry departing from Rossaveal Harbour. The three islands — Inish Mor, Inis Meáin and Inis Oírr are "Gaeltachts" (Irishspeaking) and strongly instilled with Irish culture. The largest, Inish Mor, is peppered with historical monuments dating back to the Bronze Age and Inis Meáin is where the famous wooly Aran Jumpers are produced.



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Travel deficit balloons to \$3.3B

tional travel deficit widened to a record high \$3.3 billion in the third quarter from \$3.2 billion in the second.

Statistics Canada reports the main contributor was a 0.8 per cent decline in spending by foreign travellers in Canada between the second and third quar-



ters to \$3.7 billion, its lowest level in six years.

At the same time, Canadians spent just over \$7 the country, a 0.1 per cent increase

The travel deficit with the United States declined by \$111 million between the second and third quarters to \$2.2 billion.

Canadian travellers spent \$3.1 billion in overseas countries, up 4.3 per THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WISCONSIN The governor's mansion in Maple Bluff will be open to the public seven days in December for holiday tours. The first 30-minute tours are Dec. 9 and they end Dec. 19. Each tour includes a brief history of the executive residence, which is decorated with six Wisconsin-themed trees. One is a tribute to the troops, another showcases the state's biotech companies and another highlights family farms. Another represents Nigerian heritage in Wisconsin, one celebrates the diversity of the state's 72 counties and another features ornaments made by fourth graders based on their favourite holiday movies. While the tours are free, participants are asked to donate a children's book which will be distributed to literacy organizations. Direct flights to the region are available from most major airports.

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Churchill Downs, the home of the Kentucky Derby, will become a stomping ground for some of the country's best known musicians next summer. The three-day music festival will feature more than 65 band, including Bon Jovi, Kenny Chesney, and the Dave Matthews Band. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Snowbirds can still get that Christmas feel

If you're one of those snowbirds who heads to Florida this time of year, you'll find lots of holiday displays — even without the cold weather.

St. Augustine celebrates Nights of Lights through Jan. 31 with light displays, a Winter Wonderland area with ice skating, a refrigerated ice slide, and sleigh rides

St. Augustine Historic Inns is sponsoring a Bed and Breakfast Holiday Tour Dec. 12-13, with a dozen inns showing off their holiday decorations each day. Each inn partners with a

Walt Disney does Christmas

• In Orlando, guests at Walt Disney World can attend Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party.

local culinary establishment to provide a signature treat for participants,

and most will offer opportunities to meet local artists. Old Town Trolley

provides free transportation for tour participants who prefer to ride instead of walking to each inn on the tour.

In Delray Beach, a 30-metre-tall artificial tree, lit Dec. 3 with 15,000 lights, is a holiday centrepiece at Old School Square. A holiday parade follows on Dec 12 with 70 floats.

At Epcot, you can learn about international traditions at Holidays Around the World, and hear the Christmas story told by celebrity narrators like Whoopi Goldberg.

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CALIFORNIA The Republic Cafe in Salinas, Calif., served as a gathering place for the local Asian-American community for decades. Now federal funds are helping transform it into a museum and cultural centre. The renovation got a boost in November from a three-year, \$600,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development grant to California State University, Monterey Bay. The planned Asian Cultural Center and Museum is the centrepiece of the Chinatown Renewal Project, led by the city and university. Wally Ahtye, whose family owned the cafe, says the city's Chinese, Japanese and Filipino communities came together there, holding celebrations, weddings and Chinese New Year parties.

INDIANA If you're a fan of the classic Christmas movie It's a Wonderful Life, consider a visit to the hometown of Jimmy Stewart, who starred in the film as George Bailey. Indiana, Pa., 88 kms east of Pittsburgh, has a Jimmy Stewart Boulevard, a Jimmy Stewart Huseum, a Jimmy Stewart statue outside the courthouse and even a local airport named for him. The museum is hosting matinees of It's a Wonderful Life every Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 3 at 2 p.m.

HANUKKAH Menorahs made from ice, Legos and chocolate will be part of some of the Hanukkah celebrations sponsored by the Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish outreach organization in 650 cities around the world. The eight-day holiday begins at sundown on Dec. 11. habad events will range from a Dec. 13 parade with over 100 cars decorated with Hanukkah flags heading to the Jacksonville Landing in Jacksonville, Fla., to a Hanukkah comedy night in Oxnard, Calif., on Dec. 15. Other unusual Hanukkah celebrations will include a Dec. 16 event featuring a menorah made from chocolate, candy and doughnuts in Houston, and a Dec. 14 Hanukkah party at Binghamton University in upstate New York with a menorah made from thousands of pieces of Lego. After it's lit, the Lego menorah will be disassembled and donated, along with hundreds of other toys collected in a toy drive, to an organization for children with cancer.

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Katie Holmes doesn't think there's anything wrong with dressing her three-year-old daughter Suri in high heels. "Like every little girl, she loves my high heels," she tells Access Hollywood. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

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New comedy

comedy star. The socialite has teamed up with US TV network ABC to create a new comedy show, in which she will also star. FEMALEFIRST.CO.U

Suri likes high heels

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Armed to the teeth

Swollen Members reload while bandmate fights drug addiction

KAREN BLISS for Metro Canada

There was a time Vancouver's Swollen Members was ubiquitous, touring non-stop behind a prolific output of material, and taking home three consecutive Juno Awards for best rap recording from 2001 to 2003. The group's fourth win would come in 2007 for their album, Black Magic, but behind the

scenes things were grim.

Like an episode of A&E's addiction reality show Intervention, rapper Prevail and DJ/producer Rob The Viking worried and took steps to help their bandmate, rapper Mad Child, who escalated from a Percocet addiction to Oxycontin, as many as 20 80-mg a day — the equivalent of 320 Percocet, Mad Child puts in perspective.

It is nothing short of a miracle that Swollen



Swollen Members are touring Canada in support of latest album Armed To The Teeth.

Members have returned intact — with a fourth member no less, singer/rapper Tre Nyce — and with an impressive new album, Armed To The Teeth.

When Prevail finally clued into what his longtime friend and musical partner had got himself into the past two years, he says, "I was talking to (real name) Shane's parents quite frequently, letting them know what was going on ... We wanted to

keep each other informed.
"I think we all needed a support network, just in

case," says Prevail.

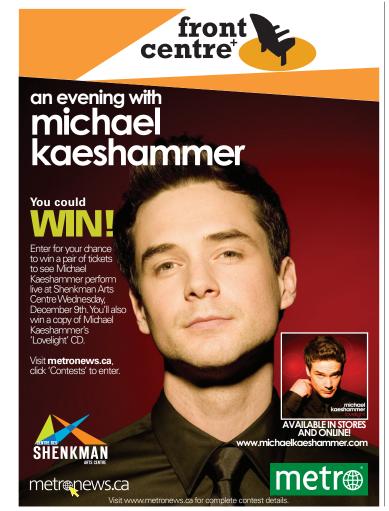
Mad Child, whose struggle can be heard throughout Armed To The Teeth, particularly on the detailed track My Life, after several tries at rehab got clean at his parents' home six months ago with the help of a drug prescribed by his

family doctor called Suboxone, an opioid medication to treat people addicted to illicit opiates.

"That's an important thing that I want to let people know about, that you can go on Suboxone and get off this s—. It is a miracle drug," says Mad Child. "It doesn't get you high. It just makes it so that you can live your life again and it blocks you from thinking about doing that drug anymore."

Mad Child has no second thoughts about being so public about his addiction.

"I definitely want to be able to talk to kids," he says. "The reason I'm so open about it is I put a couple of songs out on My-Space on my own little page before the album dropped and I got an overwhelming response from kids or young adults that were like 'Yo, I'm going through the same s— and this really helps me."



Keys launches contest to take fans on trip to Africa

Alicia Keys says her first visit to Africa was so emotional and inspiring that she is ready to take others there to experience something similar.

The Grammy-winning singer is launching a contest through her charity, Keep a Child Alive, that will give five people an opportunity to visit the continent with her. She says her initial trip to Africa "total-lychanged my life"

ly changed my life."
"Going to Africa was unbelievable for me," the 28-

year-old said. "I was probably like 19 or some-thing. I was asked to come to Africa to perform, and so you think, 'I'm just the girl from Harlem, I wrote couple of songs 137th on Street. and then suddenly VO11 want

to

come

to Africa?

And people

will know me? And people will

know the songs?

It was a mind

blowing experience for

me."
"I was able to see the great separation between have and have not," Keys said. "I was able to see the incredible spirit of people. I was able to learn firsthand about the AIDS pandemic of Africa."

Fans will be able to enter the contest online at the foundation's website, or by sending a text. The fee for the text is \$5, but it will be donated to Keep a Child Alive.

Keys said the winners, who will travel throughout Africa for five days sometime next year, will visit the people and places that were most influential to her.

"I find that
the more that
I'm able to
connect
with people's life experiences,
the more
I'm able to
make better music," Keys
said.

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Last Station, Precious top Spirit noms

MOVIES The urban drama Precious and the Leo Tolstoy period piece The Last Station each have earned a leading five nominations for the Spirit Awards that honour inde-

pendent film.

The two acclaimed movies will compete for best feature film with the romance 500 Days of Summer and the immigrant dramas Amreeka and Sin Nombre.

The war-on-terror drama The Messenger ran second with four nominations, including best feature from a first-time director.

Also nominated for best first feature is the horror sensation Paranormal Activity, which was shot for just \$15,000 and has taken in more than \$100 million US at the box office.

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Hollywood star George Hamilton has quit I'm A Celebrity after more than two weeks in the jungle, British TV channel ITV has confirmed. Hamilton, 70, is the third contestant to quit this series, following Camilla Dallerup and Katie Price. ANANOVA.COMS

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Conflict's intimate side

Portman studied her real-life counterpart for military wife role in Brothers

AARTI VIRANI Metro World News

It's an overcast Saturday afternoon, and inside a swanky, Manhattan hotel room, Natalie Portman delicately sips on a cup of tea.

"I've been doing interviews since I was 12," muses the 28-year old, almost incredulously For her latest **Brothers** film. Brothers. opens in in theatres Fritheatres day, she plays a mother — and on Friday a heartbreakingcourageous one, too — for the very first time.

It's tempting to assume the sole purpose of director Jim Sheridan's film, the tale of Sam Cahill, (Tobey Maguire) a Marine gone missing in Afghanistan, is to exhibit America's never-ending war. On the contrary, Brothers, which also fea-

tures Jake Gyllenhaal as Cahill's wayward and fresh-out-of-jail brother, is an unflinching look at conflict's more intimate face — namely, the families it ravages and ruptures along the way.

"I don't think this is a political movie, claims Portman. A welcome respite from the self-proclaimed girl parts" that are often thrust her she plays wav. military Grace Čahill with a tenaciousness that she attributes to her extensive research: She spent time with her real-life counterparts prior to shooting.

"I was surprised at how calm and strong these women were," Portman says. "I guess it's a historical feminine trait ... to be able to rise to the occasion"

Portman is certainly on the rise, though she's get-



Natalie Portman plays a mother role for the first time in her portrayal of military wife Grace Cahill in the drama Brothers. Also starring in the movie are Tobey Maguire (pictured) and Jake Gyllenhall.

ting tired of the constant shuttling that life as an Alist actress requires. "I'm a total gypsy," she confesses, "but at a certain point, you can't really have a life." She has just wrapped shooting in North Ireland for Your Highness, where she'll star as a committed princess defending her kingdom alongside James

Franco and Zooey Deschanel.

"I kick some serious ass in that movie," she says, grinning impishly.

Character building

 Portman's not the only one who did her homework for her role in Brothers. While Tobey Maquire engaged in rigorous training exercises with the Army National Guard (and dropped a staggering 20 pounds to effectively portray an emaciated prisoner of war), Jake Gyllenhaal visited juvenile halls, becoming acquainted with an inspiring young man who eventually scored a spot in the film. "I brought him to Jim (Sheridan) who said, 'This boy's an actor," Gyllenhaal recalls. "He's in a helicopter scene with Tobey."

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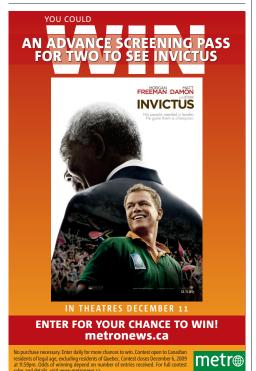
Mellencamp's son starts anti-smoking page for dad

John Mellencamp's 14-year-old son has started a campaign on Facebook that he hopes will get his rocker dad to quit smoking. The 58-year-old Mellencamp has said many times since his 1994 heart attack that he's failed in trying to kick his decades-old habit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment in brief

ANIMATION Travel adventure Up, musical fairy tale The Princess and the Frog and the storybook adaptations Fantastic Mr. Fox and Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs are competing at the Annie Awards.

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Cadence is Coupland's weapon

BRIAN COULTON for Metro Canada

A Nova Scotia family, guilt-ridden middle-aged woman, three Chinese Canadian siblings coming of age, a trio of wanderers in Montréal and an entire generation are set to face off in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's ninth annual Canada Reads competition.

The war of words unfolds between March 8 and 12, 2010, on CBC Radio One and digital television channel Bold. It pits five Canadians against one another to defend a book of their choice as, one-by-one, defenders and their books are ousted by fellow panelists until just one remains.

Winning can trigger the "Canada Reads effect," a pass to the top of best-selling book lists and other opportunities, explained competition host Jian Ghomeshi. Moderating the debate for his third consecutive year, the host of CBC Radio arts and culture magazine Q revealed the defenders and authors during the control of t



Douglas Coupland's novel, Generation X, is taking part in CBC's Canada Reads contest.

ing a press conference yesterday at CBC's Toronto headquarters.

Although they'd never met before yesterday, Edmonton poet laureate Rollie Pemberton (a.k.a. rapper Cadence Weapon) and Vancouver author Douglas Coupland developed instant rapport, often turning questions asked by media into one-on-one conversations.

Pemberton is defending Coupland's debut novel Generation X, a framed narrative that relates stories of three traveling postbaby boomers to modern culture.

"It's the one I instantly thought of if I could represent a book, and a book I felt was thematically similar to things I've written

and believe," said Pember-

To Coupland, his nomination by Pemberton, just 24, is an indication Generation X itself speaks across generations. "It's not a snapshot or even time capsule of 1989/1990," he said, "It's something eternal that's going on inside the book."

Although he considers Pemberton's gesture "deeply satisfying", Coupland said he won't listen to the program, deeming it too psychologically distancing.

tancing.

"For me, one of the creepiest things on earth would be having a tape recorder at a dinner party and listening to people's conversations as they leave: 'Ugh, what's with his hair... the way he talks... the way he chews his canapé'," he said.

Pemberton said he un-

Pemberton said he understands Coupland's hesitation, but won't tear apart competing books in order to win. "I will talk about why I like my book, but I'm not going to do it in the context of, 'My book is better than yours because this',"he said.

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Concert Live: Countdown to Music's Biggest Night LL Cool J ("NCIS: Los Ange-

les") hosts this hourlong special built around the announcement of the Grammy Awards nominations, which can add a bonanza to the take of any album, especially during the holiday gifting season. The Black Eyed Peas, Maxwell and Sugarland are scheduled to perform. 9:02 PM on 13 CBS



Rudolph the Red-Nosed

"I'm cuuute! She said I'm cuuute!" "Bumbles bounce!" "I wanna be a dentist." And of course, "Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" OI' Rudy is 45 this year and as cute as ever, ready to delight the children and grandbabies of the viewers who met him back in '64. If you haven't seen this Christmas chestnut in a few years, it's always worth another look. 8 PM on 13 CBS

Hurt Locker wins best feature

GOTHAM AWARDS The Hurt Locker has won for best feature at the 19th annual Gotham Independent Film Awards.

The award for Kathryn Bigelow's film about a bomb squad in Iraq was presented Monday evening at a ceremony in New York. The film also won for best ensemble performance.

The Gotham awards also named the movie Food, Inc. as the best documentary. Robert Siegel, the writer-director of Big Fan, won for breakthrough director.

Catalina Saavedra won the breakthrough actor award for her performance in The Maid. And You Won't Miss Me was chosen as the best film not playing at a theatre near you.

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So if we take long walks, we'll look like Heidi?

Heidi Klum lost her pregnancy weight thanks to her baby, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She modelled for Victoria's Secret six weeks after giving birth to her fourth child, and credits taking long walks with the infant for helping her shed the excess pounds. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Celebrity Buzz

Russ meets Katy's preacher parents

BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT GUY WOULD THEY APPROVE OF? Katy Perry has reportedly introduced bad-boy boyfriend Russell Brand to her parents — who just happen to be pastors. "Russell must go towards the light and not toward the darkness," Perry's mother, Mary Hudson, says, according to Hollyscoop. "Only God can take the very

worst person and turn

them around for good. Brand and Perry's father also exchanged copies of their respective books, even though Brand's book is about his previous experiences as a drug addict. METRO WORLD

Adam's dad thinks he should say sorry

TRANSLATION: THERE'S STILL TIME FOR YOU TO GET A LAW DEGREE, SON Among the people who weren't thrilled with Adam's Lambert's controversial American Music Awards performance: His dad, usmagazine.com rebotts. "My dad was like, 'Maybe you should apologize, Adam," he said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show yesterday. "I was like, 'You know, dad, I don't feel like I did anything wrong. It just wasn't maybe the right judgment call. It's a taste thing more than an obscenity thing. I think it's just a

During his performance, he smooched another guy, simulated oral sex and flipped off the audience, Looking back, "maybe that wasn't the best first impression to make again," Lambert, 27, says. "I mean, I had fun up there, I had a good time, my dancers had fun and the band

Still, he said he felt people walked away from his performance "feeling disrespected. would never intend to disrespect anybody. So that was

had fun.'

not my

intention."

He said that "people aren't used to seeing gay men portrayed that way on TV. The gay male image in the media tends to be very (clichéd) and safe ... I think I got up there and put more energy ... I was putting on a character, putting on a per-sona, being this kind of rock star, kind of dangerous kind of guy. After seeing one of my favorites Lady Gaga tear it apart on stage ..

I don't know something came over me, and I got caught up in the moment and maybe went a little too far." METRO NEWS

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Britney, Jason aren't engaged

WE LIKED HER BETTER WHEN SHE BEHAVED BADLY Britand Trawick turned her down, ney Spears isn't getting hightailing it back married again, but she's still happily toto L.A. "There was no proposal and gether with former thev were never agent Jason Trawick, engaged," a source according to The says. "Jason spent Insider. Rumore time in Australia than mours surfaced last month that originally planned. They Spears had popped the are very hap-

Pete apologizes for anthem gaffe

CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN WHY KATE MOSS DATED THIS GUY? Pete Doherty has apologized for upsetting a crowd in Munich by singing a defunct verse of the Ger man national anthem that hasn't been used since the fall of the Third Reich, according to the BBC. "Pete himself is from Jewish

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has fought against racism and fascism with numerous organizations," a spokesperson for the troubles singer says. Doherty was booed af-ter singing, "Deutschland, Deutschland über alles," and was escorted off stage shortly after. His spoke-sperson claims he had been "unaware of the controversy" connected to

the verse.

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Celebrity tweets

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David Spade doesn't get movies like other people do, Demi Moore is staying in tonight,

Rob Thomas has really interesting errands to run, and Ice-T is dealing with some anger issues. @davidspade

just saw 'The road' hilarious. wall to wall laughs. they will def make this into a

sitcom @mrskutcher

Oh my a new season of Hoarders is on tonight!!! @ThisIsRohThom going into the city today for new tattoos! @FINALLEVEL

MAN I miss being able to punch suckas in the grill without gettin sued!! **METRO** WORLD NEWS



Taylor's jealous of Leighton

never asked to play any of her songs," a source tells HollywoodLife.com. "It's creating a lot of tension on When pressed for comment, a rep for the show's network, the CW, doesn't mince words: "The show will support Taylor and her music when the time is right, but her music is not ready

METRO WORLD NEWS

Nick will tour without brothers

HE'LL BE EASIER PREY FOR THE cougars Nick Jonas is going on tour without his brothers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 17-year-old Jonas Brothers singer will play concerts across the U.S. next month with his side project The Ad-

ministration after their debut at the Grammy nominations concert tonight.

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Gere could be fined for cutting trees

and

NATURE HATER Richard Gere may be facing \$50,000 US in fines for cutting down a clutch of trees on his Pound Ridge, N.Y., property with-out obtaining a permit first, according to the local Bedford Record-Review.

"He rehabilitated an old, decaying piece of property and people were very hap-py about that," editor R.J. Marx says. "The feeling is that he acted a bit precipitously in clear-

ing the trees... He's generally a good neigh-It was bor. out of character." METRO

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Dan's looking forward to having children

PLEASE JUST ADOPT US AND PUT US IN YOUR WILL Daniel Radcliffe knows how to keep himself occupied once the Harry Potter film franchise wraps up: starting a family. "I've got kids to have yet," the 20-year-old actor tells the BBC. "I'm not planning on it soon. That's one of the things I'm really looking forward to doing. I've been here when a lot of people here have had kids

while on the film, and I've seen the change it's made in their life and how amazing METRO

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Lady Gaga learns to embrace her 'darkness'

MAYBE HER MUSIC WILL IM-PROVE Lady Gaga struggles to cope with feeling low while out on the road but has now learned to accept her "darkness."

happy

'The lowest point is loneliness, being on the road. I have a chronic sadness that recurs," she said. "The lowest point was in Australia in May. I was overwhelmingly

sad, and I didn't know why because I had all these things to be happy about." Despite

her black moods, the singer says her emotional state inspired her to write her best ever material.

She added: "I went to the studio and played for hours and I wrote what is going to be the greatest record of my career, a beautiful song about my father. "I remember watching the mascara tears flood the ivories and I thought, 'It's OK to be said.' I've learned to love my darkness." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sudoku

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Pan-fried Steaks with Italian Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

4 sirloin steaks, trimmed 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil 1 onion, finely chopped 2 garlic cloves, crushed 14 oz (398 ml) can chopped tomatoes 6-3/4 tbsp (100 ml) white or red wine 2/3 lb (300 g) tagliatelle 1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, drained and rinsed 12 pitted black or green olives, halved 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh basil

1. Rub steaks with 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil and some black pepper. Heat large frying pan; cook steaks, about 2-1/2 minutes per side for rare, 4 minutes per side for medium, and 7 minutes per side for well done. Remove to plate using slotted spoon and

keep warm. 2. Add remaining oil to pan, then add onion and garlic, and cook gently 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in tomatoes and wine.

Cook gently 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally to break down tomatoes. 3. While sauce is cooking, cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain. Stir capers into sauce with olives and basil; season to taste. 4. Return steaks to frying pan to heat through, spooning sauce over meat. Divide pasta among four plates. Serve steak and

SERVES 4

sauce over top.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

There really is no such thing as luck: Bear that thought in mind if someone tells you that you've been lucky. You created that "luck" for yourself.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Someone will make you the proverbial offer you cannot re-fuse today but if you are smart you will do just that — there'll be a better offer coming soon.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 Don't let today's full moon get you down. Soon you'll realize that what it took away from you is what you no longer need – in fact, it was in the way.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
You may be finding it hard to make ends meet but what hap-pens today will remind you how well off you are in more important ways.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Although there is a full moon in your sign this is still potentially one of the best times of the year for you, so make the most of it.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

There's no point judging yourself by others' standards. In fact, the full moon urges you not to judge at all. Accept everything and everyone.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

You need to be more enthusias-tic about what you are doing, especially on the work front Think of your job as being fun, and most likely it will be.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Why waste so much energy trying to do things that don't come naturally to you? Play to your strengths if you want to be happy and successful.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Sit back and take what comes your way over the next 24 hours and trust that, on balance, it will be pleasant. Don't turn down a social invitation.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
If ever there was a time make an extra special effort that time is now. Your efforts will be supported by people who want to see you do well.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

It is important that you make an effort to patch up any minor disputes you may be having with partners and loved ones.

FEB 19-MARCH 20

If you are faced with a big problem today you must attack it in a big way. Don't pretend it does not exist or it does not really matter — because it does.



Today in history

1930: Great Depression — US President Herbert Hoover goes before the United States Congress and asks for a \$150 US million public works program to help generate jobs and stimulate the economy. 1988: The late Benazir Bhutto is sworn in as prime minis-

ter of Pakistan, becoming the first woman to head the government of an Islam-dominated state.

1999: The U.K. devolves political power in Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Executive.

2001: Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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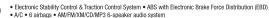
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